Grants of Regional Centres of Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Karnataka

5617. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the grants provided by the Union Government to the various regional centres of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Karnataka during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase these grants during 1992-93;

(c) the steps being taken to popularise Khadi in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Union Government is giving funds to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) by way of grants and loans to promote Khadi and Village Territories under its purview in all the States and Union Territories including Karnataka State. Out of the funds received from the Union Government, KVIC disbursed the following funds in Karnataka during the last three years:-

(Rs in lakhs)

	Khadi		*Village Industries*	
Yeat	*Grant*	*Loan*	*Grant*	*Loan*
1988-89	204.09	147.82	14.14	229.57
1989-90	263.88	142.84	19.29	176.99
1990-91	225.96	98.54	12.66	583.81

(b) KVIC will be informed about the extent of Central Government's budgetary support after the demands for grants of this Ministry are passed by the Parliament. Thereafter KVIC finalises the State-wise allocation in due course of time after detailed budget discussions with it's directly aided institutions and different State KVI Boards.

(c) The Government is giving following concessions/facilities for popularisation of Khadi throughout India including Karnataka:

(i) Exemption from Excise and Customs duty.

(ii) Provision of rebate on Sale of Khadi.

(iii) Purchase preference to Khadi.

(iv) Introduction of improved designs to meet the consumer's need.

(v) Assistance in Marketing through KVIC.

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5618. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :